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NEWS & VIEWS

Welcome VZ User's.

It's good to see the VZ 300 computer's and Peripheral's arriving in the Dick Smith shops its about time.

The new software is also available in most of the shops. Watch for the reviews of this new software in these newsletters.

The new VZ 300 technical reference manual is due in the shops in the next week or two and a review will appear in this newsletter as soon as I can get my hands on a copy.

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Dick Smith recently held a massive warehouse sale at Newmarket.

Most of the older VZ software was available at $5.00 each and I was able to obtain most of the software I was short of.

I spent a couple of hours up at the sale and was able to have a good look at the new Disk" Games Packs ".

These games are really fantastic and any one with the Disk drive unit would be wise to buy them if they can afford them.

The reason for the warehouse sale, as I understand it is, that Dick Smith's have moved their main warehouse operation back to Australia, and each store now direct order's their stock from Australia.

Hopefully this will mean that all V Z material will be available here sooner than it is now.

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Yann Duran, computer service manager for Dick Smith's has left and is now working for Pacific computers.

We wish Yann good luck.

At least Yann did try to help the VZ user as far as he could with information.

The result of Yann leaving and I understand not being replaced at the moment is once again it is going to be hard to get information from D S E.

Some of the store managers are a great help and do try their best.

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For those buying the new VZ 300 16k ram pack make sure that you get 2 sheets in the packet, the normal phamplet for setup and a new one which tells how to convert the unit over to use the VZ 200. From what I understand you open the ram unit and move some jumper leads depending on which VZ you are using. Not all VZ ram units have this so check that the one you buy does.

CLUB NEWS

I have most of the new VZ software plus most of the other program's.

If anyone want's to look at any of these program's before they buy them just give me a call and we can arrange something. Phone 673 - 967 bwtn 7 & 9 pm.

I also have a large selection of books etc.

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I recently spoke to Barry from the ChristChurch VZ users group and he tells me that the support for the VZ in the south island is very slack with little software being available His club have written to Dick Smith personally in Australia to tell him what is going on and informing him that there is still a lot of users around that WANT to see the VZ computer supported.

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I have also written to Bob Kitch in Australia and have received a lot of good program's and information from him included in this newsletter is a copy of his listing for VZ items. Copys of mosto/this is avaliable to members from me if required.

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Also in this issue is a VZ user survey form.

What I would like to do is get as many user's to fill it in and send it back, even if you are not a member, to see how many users we have in Auckland, and then we will know what is required for VZ users in our area.

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The program in this issue is called northlake and is from a Austrailan newsletter called " Micro Magic ".

Also below is a item from another Australian newsletter which make's interesting reading.

VISIT TO DSE - SYDNEY

In April I was able to visit the Computer Support Group of DSE in North Ryde. I met Jamie Perry who is the Product Specialist for VZ computer equipment. Jamie is the fellow who answers the "hot line" enquiries on (02) 888-2002 (p.m. only).

I was shown some Public Domain software for the VZ, and drafts of three VZ-300 manuals being prepared for printing (a Technical Manual with an expanded DOS section, a new Giant Book of Games and a revised Further Book of Programming). A number of DSE Technical Bulletins have also been written to clarify certain features of the VZ.

DSE also has a Product Developement Group that can develope peripherals for the VZ if sufficient demand exists.

Any queries on the VZ can addressed to DSE on the hot line number. Also indicate any further interests or problems you have with your VZ to DSE so that support for the machine can continue.

Bob Kitch 7 Eurella St., KENMORE QLD. 4069

Thats about all for this newsletter

Regards peter.

REVIEW OF D S E PROGRAM HAMBURGER SAM

The aim of this program is to get Sam to build the Hamburgers at the bottom of the screen .There are five levels and each level has a ingredient of the hamburger on it ,IE. lettuce bun,cheese,etc and each screen has 4 or more hamburgers for sam to build.

Hotdogs ,Fried eggs,Pickles will chase you around and if you are caught by any of them you fall and lose a life. You are able to walk over the ingredients and get them to fall to the next level ,if there is already a ingredient on this next level it will fall to the next and so on to the bottom.

Your defence is the fact that you can throw pepper at the hotdogs etc to Temporarily stun them,so you can walk over them or move away from them but watch it because your supply of pepper is not endless,if you pass over the cup& saucers which appear at random you receive extra pepper.

You can also kill the Hotdogs etc by dropping a ingredient to fall on top of them or drop a ingredient with them on it.

AS you complete each frame they get harder and there are more hamburgers to complete but you get extra pepper.

Again a very good game to play ,excellent graphics and colour.

One of the new generation of VZ Programs,hopefully there will be more.

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GENERAL PROGRAMMING.

Jan.	83	PE	3/1-3/5	PE Micro-file #3 - Z80. (Coles)	(5)
Mar.	84	APC	73-85	Teach yourself assembler Pt. 1 (Overaa)	(6)
Apr.	84	APC	57-64	(8080, Z80, 6502) Pt. 2 (Overaa)	(5)
May	84	APC	89-98	" " Pt. 3 (Overaa)	(5)
Jun.	84	APC	53-60	" " Pt. 4 (Overaa)	(5)
Jul.	84	APC	61-64	" " Pt. 5 (Overaa)	(3)
Aug.	84	APC	110-116	" " Pt. 6 (Overaa)	(5)
Sep.	84	APC	145-151	" " Pt. 7 (Overaa)	(4)
Jan.	85	APC	122-124	Sort at input. (Ithell)	(1)
Feb.	85	APC	103-109	The basic art - algorithms, structures (Liardet)	(4)
Mar.	85	APC	98-109	Pick a number - arithmetic. (Liardet)	(5)
Apr.	85	APC	79-87	It takes all sorts - sorting. (Liardet),	(5)
Oct.	85	APC	82	The Art of Programming - Progress. (Hjaltson)	(-)
Jun.	85	APC	170-171	Comment on binary search. (Lamich)	(1)
Jun.	85	APC	171-173	Comment on distribution sort. (Riordon)	(1)
Oct.	85	YC	107-8	Sorting out the sorts. (Jankowski)	(1)

APC	Australian Personal Computer	M80	Micro-80
BYC	Bumper Book of Programs by YC .	MC	Micro Choice (UK)
CC	Creative Computing (US)	PCG	Personal Computer Games
CFG	Computer Fun and Games	PCN	Personal Computer News (UK)
CT	Computing Today (UK)	PE	Practical Electronics (UK)
CHC	Choice	WM	Which Micro (UK)
EA	Electronics Australia	YC	Your Computer
ETI	Electronics Today International		

The numbers in brackets are the number of sheets in each article. A dash (-) indicates that the article is on the same sheet as the item above.

If Users wish to obtain copies of the articles referred to in this bibliography they may -

i) contact me for copies ..or..
ii) buy back copies of the magazine from the distributor ..or..
iii) borrow from your local library.

LISTING OF VZ200/300 MAGAZINE ARTICLES - as at 16/5/86.

Since its introduction in early 1983, over one hundred articles on the VZ-200 and 300 have appeared in the magazines. Some articles review the hardware and others describe peripherals, some excellent games have been published and a very useful set of utility routines have emerged.

This bibliography for the VZ computer is a must for the serious VZ-User.

UTILITIES.

Oct.	83	APC	52,4	BASIC program conversion. (Surya)	(2)
Nov.	83	APC	57,9	Program conversion Pt. 2 (Surya)	(2)
Nov.	83	APC	89-95	BASIC converter chart. (Surya)	(7)
Feb.	84	APC	140-1	Program conversion Pt. 2 (Surya)	(2)
Mar.	84	APC	42-3	Program conversion - Apple II (Surya)	(2)
Apr.	84	APC	71-2	Program conversion - TRS 80/System 80 (Surya)	(1)
May	84	APC	75-6	Program conversion - Atari (Surya)	(2)
Jun.	84	APC	67	Program conversion - Sinclair (Surya)	(1)
Jul.	84	APC	129-30	Program conversion - BBC (Surya)	(2)
Mar.	84	ETI	63	More functions for the VZ-200. (Olney)	(1)
Apr.	84	ETI	117	Notes and errata for Olney.	(-)
Jul.	84	M80	3-4	VZED - three new functions.	(1)
Aug.	84	M80	2	VZ-200 output latch.	(1)
Aug.	84	M80	9,15,16	Memory peek VZED. (Carson)	(1)
Aug.	84	M80	3-4	Microsoft ROM BASIC Level I bug.	(1)
Apr.	85	APC	97	VZ-200 bug. (Tritscher)	(-)
Aug.	85	APC	31	VZ bug. (Tritscher)	(-)
Aug.	84	APC	94	VZ-200 moving message and trace. (Batterson)	(1)
Nov.	84	APC	125	Trace function. (Breffit)	(-)
Nov.	84	APC	125	VZ-200 correction. (Kelly)	(-)
Oct.	84	ETI	135-7	Extending VZ-200 BASIC. (Olney)	(3)
Nov.	84	APC	125-6	TRON/TROFF function for VZ-200. (Thompson)	(1)
Nov.	84	APC	208-12	MON-200 machine code monitor. (Stamboulidas)	(5)
Nov.	84	PCG	55-56	Lprinter. (Quinn)	(2)
Nov.	84	PCG	suppl.	VZ-200 reverse video.	(1)
Feb.	85	APC	171	BASIC understanding. (Hobson)	(1)
Feb.	85	APC	20	VZ-200 into puberty - Olney's extended BASIC.	(1)
Apr.	85	PCG	62-64	Find. (Stamboulidas)	(3)
Apr.	85	APC	19	Use of RND in dice and card games. (Holland)	(1)
Apr.	85	APC	103	VZ variable definition. (Stamboulidas)	(1)
Apr.	85	APC	95	Variable GO TO on VZ. (Olsen)	(1)
Jul.	85	APC	176	Correction to VZ variable GO TO.	(-)
May	85	APC	52-3	Lysco support for VZ-200. (Young)	(1)
May	85	ETI	99-101	VZ-200 hardware interrupt. (Olney)	(3)
May	85	APC	110	Background VZ. (Williams)	(1)
Aug.	85	APC	130	VZ-200 instant colour. (Willows)	(-)
Aug.	85	APC	130-3	Reversed REM. (Quinn)	(1)
Sep.	85	APC	145	Real-time clock. (Griffin)	(1)
Oct.	85	APC	218	APC benchmark BASIC programs.	(1)
Oct.	85	APC	147	VZ deletions. (Quinn)	(1)
Nov.	85	APC	189	VZ EDITOR/ASSEMBLER tips. (Lam)	(1)
Nov.	85	ETI	94-5	Olney's Level II BASIC for VZ200/300. (Rowe)	(2)
Jan.	86	APC	83,5	VZ user graphics.	(1)
Feb.	86	APC	127	Machine language calls.	(1)
Mar.	86	APC	chart	APC BASIC converter chart 1986.	(8)
Mar.	86	YC	103-5	VZ-200 cassette inlays. (Dutfield)	(3)

GAMES.

Dec.	83	APC	161-3	Missile Command. (Whitwell)	(2)
Jan.	84	YC	65	Graphic Sine Waves for VZ-200. (Nickasen)	(1)
Apr.	84	APC	178-80	Moon Lander. (Alley)	(2)
Jul.	84	APC	174-8	Blockout. (Pritchard)	(3)
Jul.	84	MBO	7,22	Battleships. (Carson)	(1)
Jul.	84	MBO	7,20,21	Junior Maths. (Carson)	(2)
Aug.	84	MBO	9,16	Contest Log VZED. (Carson)	(1)
Aug.	84	MBO	9,16,17	Dog Race VZED. (Carson)	(1)
Oct.	84	PCQ	55-7	High Resolution Graphics Plotting. (Thompson)	(3)
Nov.	84	PCQ	82	Tips for 'Ladder Challenge', 'Panik' and 'Asteroids'.	(1)
Jan.	85	PCQ	54	POKE's to 'Ghost Hunter'.	(-)
-	85	BYC	146-7	Golf Simulation. (McCleary)	(2)
Mar.	86	CFQ	4-5	Golf Simulation. (McCleary)	(-)
-	85	BYC	147	Knight's Cross. (Lucas)	(1)
Jan.	85	APC	129-31	Sketcher. (Leen)	(3)
Jan.	85	YC	88-89	Punch. (Rowe)	(2)
Jan.	85	PCQ	44-48	Space Station Defender. (Shultz)	(5)
Mar.	85	YC	105-9	Decoy. (Rowe)	(2)
Apr.	85	YC	160	Painter. (Daniel)	(1)
Apr.	85	PCQ	65-7	Roadrace. (Thompson)	(3)
May	85	YC	106	Number Sequence. (Thompson)	(1)
May/Jun	85	PCQ	63-7	Sketchpad. (Thompson)	(5)
Jun	85	YC	70	Morse Tutor program. (Heath)	(1)
Jan.	86	YC	150-1	Morse Tutor - again. (Heath)	(2)
Jul.	85	YC	81	Electric Tunnel. (Daniel)	(1)
Aug.	85	YC	114	Number Slide. (Daniel)	(1)
Oct.	85	PCQ	47-52	Cube. (McMullan)	(6)
Oct.	85	YC	105-7	Yahtzee. (Thompson)	(3)
Mar.	86	APC	208-9	VZ Frog. (Alley)	(1)
May	86	ETI	93	Balloon Safari, The Drop and Flatten. (Sheppard)	(1)

BUSINESS.

Aug.	84	APC	172-7	Database VZ-200. (Barker)	(6)
Oct.	84	APC	214	WP for VZ-200. (McQuillan)	(-)
Oct.	85	APC	82-3	Comment on Barker's and Quinn's DB. (Lukes)	(-)
Oct.	84	APC	126-30	Minicalc Spreadsheet. (Stamboulidas)	(5)
Dec.	84	APC	214	Correction to Minicalc.	(1)
May	85	APC	162-3	Micro Type(WP). (Brewell)	(2)
Jul.	85	APC	164-6	Database. (Quinn)	(2)

PERIPHERALS.

Feb.	84	EA	131-2	Real-world interface.	(1)
Aug.	84	EA	65	Improved graphics on VZ-200. (Dimond)	(1)
Aug.	84	PCQ	83	I/O card for VZ-200. (ad)	(1)
Oct.	84	APC	214	Serial help request. (Pope)	(1)
Dec.	84	APC	36	Add-ons for VZ-200. (Bleckendorf)	(-)
Oct.	85	YC	140	VZ200/300 Modem. (ad)	(-)
Nov.	84	ETI	106-12	A 'Glass-Teletype' using the VZ-200 Pt I	(7)
Dec.	84	ETI	93-7	" " " " Pt II	(5)
Aug.	85	ETI	72-8	VZ-200 terminal.	(7)
Feb.	86	ETI	72-4	Modifying VZ-200 16K memory expansion. (Olney)	(3)
Mar.	86	ETI	48	Talking VZ-200. (Bennets)	(1)

COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE REVIEWS.

Mar.	84	APC	190-1	Review of DBE 'Matchbox', 'Biorythms', 'Circus' and 'Poker'. (Davies)	(2)
Aug.	84	PCQ	46-47	Review of DBE 'Panik' and 'Ladder Challenge'.	(1)
Oct.	84	PCQ	90-91	Review of DBE 'Knights and Dragons', 'Ghost Hunter', 'Othello', and 'Invaders'.	(2)
Nov.	84	PCQ	90-96	Review of LYBCO 'Cub Scout' and DBE 'Dracula's Castle'.	(1)
Jan.	85	PCQ	65	Review of DBE 'Air Traffic Controller' and 'Tennis'.	(1)
Feb.	85	PCQ	76	Review of DBE 'Defence Penetrator' and 'Star Blaster'.	(1)
Mar.	85	PCQ	76-77	Review of DBE 'Planet Patrol' and 'Learjet'.	(1)
Apr.	85	PCQ	94-99	Review of DBE 'Asteroids', Super Snake' and 'Lunar Lander'.	(1)
Apr.	85	ETI	103	Logbook and Morse on VZ-200.	(1)
Oct.	85	PCQ	68-9	Review of DBE 'Duel'.	(1)
Nov.	85	PCQ	70-1	Review of DBE 'Attack of the Killer Tomatoes'.	(1)

SOFTWARE ADVERTISEMENTS.

A 9 page compilation of ads. for a variety of software, services, User groups etc. (9)

HARDWARE REVIEWS.

Apr.	83	APC	58-66	VZ-200. (Hartnell)	(5)
Apr.	83	CC	38-43	Review of VZ-200.	(3)
May	83	CC	26-30	Video Technology VZ-200 PC. (Ahl)	(3)
Jun.	83	EA	137	New low-cost computer - VZ-200.	(1)
Jun.	83	ETI	30	Dick Smith colour computer.	(1)
Jun.	83	YC	6	DBE VZ-200.	(-)
Aug.	84	PCQ	12	VZ-200.	(-)
Jul.	83	ETI	32-7	DBE's personal colour computer. (Harrison)	(3)
Jul.	83	EA	130-3	The VZ-200: colour, graphics and sound. (Vernon)	(4)
Jul.	83	PCN	16	Timing the Laser's phazer. (Stokes)	(1)
Sep.	83	WM	40	Laser.	(-)
Aug.	83	YC	20-33	Cash and Carry Computers. (Bell)	(9)
Sep.	83	CC	202-4	Review of VZ-200 and FP40	(1)
Oct.	83	APC	77-8	VZ-200.	(1)
Oct.	83	WM	135	Texet TX8000.	(1)
Oct.	83	CT	12	The Laser 200.	(-)
Dec.	83	CT	11	Laser 200.	(-)
Nov.	83	CT	37-40	A look at the Laser. (Green)	(4)
Nov.	83	WM	42-108	The Laser - a shot in the dark.	(3)
Feb.	84	CC	218-21	Laser FP40 Printer/Plotter.	(2)
Spring	84	MC	52-4	Laser 200. (Green)	(3)
Jun.	84	EA	12-9	Buying your first computer. (Vernon)	(6)
Aug.	84	EA	30-3	An important role for small computers. (Williams)	(4)
Oct.	84	PCQ	82-87	Home micro supertest. Pt. 3 (Bollington)	(5)
Nov.	84	PCQ	14-19	Home micro supertest. Pt. 4 (Bollington)	(4)
Nov.	84	EA	78-80	VZ-200 as a WP (DBE E&F tape WP). (Williams)	(2)
Dec.	84	CHC	28-31	Review of video games consoles.	(4)
Jul.	85	ETI	102-6	Dick Smith's new VZ-300. (Rowe)	(5)
Aug.	85	EA	22-7	WP on the new VZ-300. (Williams)	(5)
Dec/Jan	86	PCQ	11-15	How to buy a micro - VZ-300 compared.	(4)